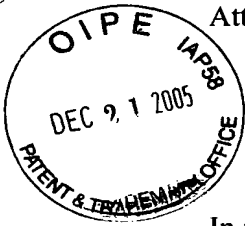


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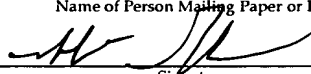
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For: PRINTER CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD TO
CONTROL PRINTERS IN NETWORK TO WHICH
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COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT TO PERFORM SAID
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